for that. Are we in any way better of than last year? Can they honestly say that conditions have been changed for the better? Coming as I do from the country and with intimate knowledge of its affairs I would respectfully submit to the House that we are getting worse. If that position is admitted there will be no justification for the Government in not giving us a little more remission. It might be asked why I ask for 25 per cent? It is not because that it will meet the ends of justice. I deliberately made this modest request so that it may be acceptable to the Government. When we consider that the fall in prices of the articles we produce, which is the basis of this resolution, is 50 per cent a remission of 25 per cent in the land revenue will not be too much.

The only ground on which the Government can oppose the resolution is probably on the ground of finance. I would respectfully point out that there are various items of expenditure from which they can find savings to meet this 12½ per cent. I would point out to them that there will be a saving of 3 to 4 lakhs of rupees which we spent last year on account of the Viceregal visits, H. H. the Maharajas' tour, etc. I understand that the customs revenue has increased to some extent and the income from the Income Tax has also increased. I would also submit that it will be possible for the Government to make some savings by effecting retrenchment in the pay of officers. I shall deal with this subject in detail when I come to my resolution on this subject. In view of all these facts I submit that the Government can very easily give us a further remission of 12½ per cent more this year. With these observations I commend the resolution for the acceptance of the House.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—I second it.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I now move that the House be adjourned.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—I second it.

Motion put and carried.

Concluding Remarks of the President.

President.—Hon'ble Members of the House, as usual I should like to take advantage of the previlege of the presiding authority to say a few words before proroguing the House.

In the first place, I have to thank all the Hon'ble Members for the kind help and support that they have given me in the discharge of my rather difficult and delicate duty in this session. You will remember that during this session there has

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been a record number of adjournment motions, a record number of points of order raised, and if I remember correctly a record number of legislative business before the House. In such predicament it was that I had to preside and I have unreservedly to say that the whole House has been most kind and sympathetic in my attempt.

As to the actual work turned out, without going through the details of the work I may at the very outset bring to your notice the passing of two pieces of important legislation so far as this Council is concerned during this session. I refer first and foremost to the Makkathayam Thiyya Bill and secondly the Press Regulation and the corresponding or the necessary amendments to the Procedure Code and Penal Code. These two I consider to be pieces of legislation which have far-reaching effects in their respective spheres.

With regard to the number of questions received by the office I am told that they were 267 in number ; of which those admitted are 226, those disallowed being 61. Of those admitted 165 have been answered and only 41 remain unanswered. In that connection it may be remembered that they will not lapse and they will be taken up during the next sitting.

I don't think it necessary for me to detain the House any longer. I wish the House all success in the approaching sitting which is not far off. With these words I prorogue the House.

The meeting was adjourned at 3-45 p. m.

C. J. MATHEW,

Secretary to the Council.

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